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William Kendell

Merchant Navy

World War II

Born: 1918

Died: 1997

Place of Birth: Green Point, Hermitage,
Fortune Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: John Wilson and Sarah (nee
Northcott) Kendell

The 1921 census file for Fortune – Hermitage shows the Kendell family as living in Hermitage. John is 38 years old and a fisherman, wife Sarah is 44. They have four (4) children, Annie is 6, William is 3 and twin girls Flora & Eileen are less than one. Eileen would die in infancy this year (1921). Additionally, John Kendell, at age 24, is a servant in the household.

By 1935, the Kendell's have moved to the small fishing community of Pushthrough.

John is 54, while his second wife, Elizabeth is 45. William is 16, Eileen is 14 and Thomas 5. William has a stepsister, Mary who is 12.

From Wikipedia:

“Pushthrough is a resettled fishing community located on Newfoundland and Labrador's south coast, about 20 km northwest of Hermitage. Permanent settlement at Pushthrough happened in 1814, when George Chambers moved there from Gaultois to establish a fishing room (a place for drying and storing fish) and later a store.^[3] The community lost population to Gaultois in the 1950s and to Head of Bay d'Espoir in the 1960s. The population peaked at 247 in 1961. In 1968, virtually all the families with school aged children moved, effectively leading to the downfall of the community. The Dawson Point lighthouse is located nearby.

In 1945, at the time of the next general census, John is 67 while Harriet (his third wife) is 56. William is 27 and his occupation is given as sailor in the merchant navy.

William is described as being 5' 11" with brown hair, blue eyes and of fresh complexion. He passed away in 1997 at age 79 at his residence in Coley's Point, Bay Roberts and is buried at St. John the Evangelist Cemetery, Coley's Point. William was married to Alma Pearl Waye. She died in 2002 and is buried at Coley's Point as well.